

March 31, 2013

Mayor Gray lost my vote a long time ago and the proposed food truck regulations cemented my decision to not vote for him. What do the proposed regulations have to do with food/consumer safety? What is DCRA doing but supporting the restaurant lobby?

Shame on DC for slipping backwards and showing no support for small business. We finally had a fun/lively/interesting food truck scene. Why is DC so backwards and boring?

Susan Pascale

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April 1, 2013

As someone who works directly in front of Franklin Park, I can definitively say that the proposed regulations will negatively effect the immediate area and will prevent businesses from operating around a park that has very few quick-service options for the “lunchtime” crowd. Their current location around the perimeter of Franklin Park will be completely off-limits according to the Food Truck Association of Metropolitan of Washington’s map and will result in fewer people using the park during nice weather and will severely limit consumer choice.

While I understand the concerns of the brick-and-mortar business community at large, as a consumer, I am very disappointed at the range of creative and ethnic foods available in DC as a whole and specifically in the downtown area. The consumer-driven popularity of food trucks has resulted in a wide range of creative concepts and represents the best in a competitive, capitalist economy. If not for these trucks, the vast majority of options in this area are either a sit-down restaurant or a quick-service chain. Chain businesses, while they may be franchises owned by a resident, do not bring in the same level of creativity or local culture.

I encourage the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to rethink these regulations and favor consumer market-driven solutions versus imposing unnecessary laws that are clearly influenced by some that are displeased that their business has been impacted. Perhaps those business owners should innovate more and rely on government less instead of pressing for regulations that just increase government intervention.

I sincerely hope these comments will be included in the public record and considered by DCRA. I am a resident of Ward 2 and an employee of a DC-based organization and therefore have a vested interest in the legislation passed by DCRA.

Thank you,

Rebecca Lowenkron

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April 1, 2013

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment over proposed rule changes governing food trucks in downtown DC.

As someone who has worked in DC for 16 years, the arrival of food trucks was a delightful change to the usual lunch offerings for me. One thing I enjoy most of all is variety, but also seeing the free market work as it should. There is so much competition now for my dollars, and I love going out to Farragut Square, just a block from my office, to see which trucks are offering their wares each day. I have read the proposed rule changes, and they would ruin the food truck industry, in my opinion. Clearly, choices for the consumer would plummet, not just due to the limited number of trucks that would get permits via the lottery system, but mostly due to onerous restrictions regarding the amount of unobstructed sidewalk space and the 500-foot zone banning any food truck without the lottery-issued permits.

In short, this is a terrible idea and I would place the blame for any decrease in quality and choice squarely on the back of the DCRA. Please do not do this!

Thank you,

Stephen White  
Alexandria VA

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April 1, 2013

I heard you are trying to get rid of food trucks, and I think that just stinks. I wish DC government could focus on something else. Anything else. Why would you try to get rid of my extra lunch options in a city full of stale bad restaurants.

First you go after Uber, now this. Ugh. We need a different mayor.

Edward Kachinske

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April 2, 2013

I am writing to express my disapproval of the "Fourth Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Street Vending - Corrected" as I believe it is unnecessary and will only make working and living in DC less pleasant.

I've worked in DC near the Farragut No. Metro Station for 12 years now, and one of my ongoing complaints about the region was that the dining options were limited to chain restaurants, the very occasional unique affordable eatery, and very expensive high end places. Not a lot for a younger man on a budget. While food truck food is not necessarily cheap, it opens up an additional option that is much

more affordable and appealing to me. It would be frustrating to have those options taken away just as they gain a foothold in the city and add to the charm.

Currently, there are two food truck gathering spots within a short walk from my office, and another two that are not much farther away. That sort of variety greatly enhances my work experience and improves my impression of the city.

There needs to be a way to keep food trucks in town.

Thank you for your time,

Dan Stern

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April 2, 2013

Please do not limit the locations in which food truck vendors are allowed to vend specifically by a lottery selection. That severely strips small business opportunity for owners, reduces choices for consumers and will ultimately aid in the downward spiral in the food truck vending environment. Understanding it is important to cater to the food truck community as well as the brick and mortar perhaps there is a compromise however having an arbitrary means of selection is a lack of the draw opportunity for owners and would completely take away the integrity of the food truck environment.

Currently there is a restriction on late night hours for which food truck vendors can serve yet most brick and mortar establishments do not sell late night. Perhaps allowing food trucks to sell at extended hours would alleviate some competition among brick and mortar. I do believe compromise is possible, however do firmly feel this is not the proper negotiation among parties.

Cordially Yours,  
Omar Ibrahim

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April 2, 2013

My name is Roger Horowitz and I'm one of two owners of the Pleasant Pops Food Truck and our brick and mortar restaurant: Pleasant Pops Farmhouse Market and Café. I'm a Ward 1 resident and a restaurant owner in Ward 1. Our business currently employs 11 employees 9 of whom are District residents in addition to my business partner and I who are both District residents. We use a District based mechanic, accountant, printer, and many DC based food suppliers. We make our pops using fresh local ingredients and also retail DC made pickles, pies, jams, scones and drinks.

We started Pleasant Pops in the summer of 2010 selling at 1 farmers' market out of a cart and expanded by the fall of 2010 to open our first food truck. We've been operating at farmers' markets and out of our

truck for two years and recently opened our first restaurant in Adams Morgan this past September. We've expanded from my partner Brian and I working part time to both of us working full time and now having 9 employees about half of whom are full time employees.

I'm writing to you because I am opposed to the current food truck regulations before the DC Council.

**1) With these regulations we would not have started our business initially and never could have had the success that we've had so far.** These regulations currently proposed would limit food truck vending in almost all of the downtown area due to the language about at least 10 feet wide unobstructed sidewalks. Without that base of customers that we attracted downtown we never would have gotten the money and support to open our restaurant. I realize that the Dept. of Transportation (DDOT) has said that they might make exceptions to this rule which brings me to my second point.

**2) These regulations put too much power in the hands of DDOT: by being incredibly vague the regulations leave much regulation up to individual judgment.** As a small business owner I have already seen the problems that can occur when individuals who aren't trained fully can have over my business.

My business is a food truck but sells pre-packaged ice pops and falls into the Dept. of Health's pre-packaged category. I've been shut down before by rogue health inspectors who shut my truck down for not having a three compartment sink despite the fact that legally I'm not required too. When I've complained, I've been told that during the weekend the office is closed so I can't sell on the weekend and thus need to appeal to the Dept. the following Monday. I'm very wary of similar problems with DDOT employees being in charge of enforcing a system with which they are not familiar. Does an orange cone mean an obstructed sidewalk? Or does a parking meter? What about a homeless person? **I would like regulations that very clearly spell out the legality of where I may or may not vend.**

**3) These regulations separate my truck from being a normal automobile which creates a lot of confusion and uncertainty.** As a small business Pleasant Pops uses the same vehicle for catering, deliveries and mobile vending. With the new regulations in place, my vehicle is designated as a mobile vending vehicle and this means a different set of parking rules than a normal car. I feel that this creates an unfair playing field to my business because we can't afford to have multiple vehicles. If Ben and Jerry's is catering a wedding and the wedding goes long and they get a ticket for an expired meter they would need to pay a \$25 fine. If Pleasant Pops as a small business is catering a wedding we would use our ONLY vehicle and if the wedding goes long we would be forced to pay a \$100 ticket because our vehicle has been designated a "mobile vending vehicle" instead of a catering truck.

**4) The proposed regulations do nothing to help solve the problem they were introduced to fix. My vending business would still be limited to the ice cream truck rule where I would only be able to stop my truck if someone waved me down.** Because I sell pre-packaged frozen desserts many of the beneficial parts of the rule changes wouldn't apply to my business so I could still get a \$2,000 fine and handcuffed for violating the law of stopping my truck without a customer waving me down.

As a small business owner I already work a ton and don't make a lot of money but I'm living the American Dream and really enjoy what I do. I have been lucky enough to diversify and these new regulations while they would hurt me financially would probably not force Pleasant Pops to go out of business. Many of the 50 plus food trucks that I know well would not be as lucky with these new regulations. I fear that the new regulations if passed would mean hundreds of DC residents losing their jobs and many DC based small businesses going out of business.

I moved to DC in 2009 when Barack Obama was inaugurated because I wanted to be part of a great, cool city and for me food trucks have been a large part of why DC became a hip place to live. Please don't shut down my industry.

Thanks for taking the time to read this,

Roger Horowitz  
Pleasant Pops  
1781 Florida Ave. NW Suite G  
Washington, DC 20009

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April 2, 2013

I work at 18th and Constitution. Other than a Subway, there isn't a food option within half a mile. The workers in the Golden Triangle are extremely limited by food choice. Please do not restrict the food trucks. I think they're a great invention with great food. If DC were to limit or completely restrict food trucks, I would not patronize the restaurants anymore than I already do (poor choices, lack of variety and all chain restaurants), I would bring my own lunch to work.

Finally, when my friends recently came to town as tourists, what they wanted to eat most was from food trucks. They had seen the new TV reality shows about food trucks and wanted to experience them.

Please do not restrict food trucks!

Ashley Rychak

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April 2, 2013

My name is Matt Swenson and I work in downtown DC. I like eating at restaurants and I like having the option of a food truck for lunch too. No one is suggesting closing down restaurants to support food trucks, so why should the opposite be true? OK, I know the rules propose don't state to end the food truck scene, but that appears to be the end result. It seems to me that the rise in food truck popularity is what capitalism is all about. The trucks offer quality food, but there are significant trade-offs when someone like myself chooses a truck. There is no table service and even finding a seat at Farragut

Square can be difficult sometimes, not to mention the winter's cold and summer's heat. The wait is about as long as a restaurant and the prices are very comparable. If the food trucks were undercutting restaurants with ultra cheap prices, I would see an argument by the restaurants. However, if someone wants me to give up some of the niceties of a sit-down establishment, we should have that option. I hope the DC Council votes to let the trucks continue as they operate now, and let the better businesses win.

Matt Swenson

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April 2, 2013

Just when it's starting to look that DC isn't the most corrupt city in the country again, we get legislation that steps on the backs of small businesses and hurts the consumer. Instead of trying to ban a better product, it would be nice if the lunch options in DC stepped up their game. Provide us better alternatives than the same 9 dollar Cosi sandwich we have been seeing for the last couple of years. If the DC restaurants who want lunch business put as much effort into making a better product as they do into lobbying, then they might not have this current problem.

If you don't make the right choice on this for the people of DC, and not just lobbyist, then there will be payback come election day. Who knows maybe even congress will get involved like they did with the Taxi's. They ultimately can tell the government to do whatever they want. As republican's found out in November, all the donations in the world can't win you an election if you upset the voter base enough.

Sincerely,

Jon Halperin

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April 2, 2013

My name is Jordan Halevy, and I am currently a student at your alma mater, GWU. In light of the pending regulations affecting the status of food trucks in the DC area, I would urge you to reconsider your decision. Corraling food trucks into "Mobile Roadway Vending Zones" and choking them off further with a lottery system pushes all food truck establishments closer and closer to exiting the market for good. Here at GW, the administration is - after much pressure - including food trucks under the meal plan in the near future. I'm saddened to see an alum emerge from the infamous bureaucracy of this school and push even harder for crippling regulation in the public sector.

While I also have nothing but love for the amazing restaurants in the District, I am appalled by the blatant rent seeking the Restaurant Association is engaging in to exploit your authority and crush their competition. Please, don't be that guy.

Thank you for your consideration

Jordan Halevy

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April 2, 2013

Please give the food trucks a break on limits! I am a DC entrepreneur since 1998 (PoliTemps), and ask, beg that you give small businesses a break to make some money.

I can't tell you the food wasteland that downtown DC was before food trucks in DuPont, it's still pretty bad).

We all respect DC restaurants, but for too long many of them have served the most awful food, the service has been substandard: why?

Because they can expect tourists to come streaming in, hungry, with no where to go...

Don't make me eat another franchise subway, or starbucks or Cusi sandwich...i am a small businessman, veteran owned, !!!

Let the trucks go where they can, seeking new customers...

Thanks sir!

Chris Jones

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April 3, 2013

As a former restaurateur, I well understand the concern of the Restaurant Association with the food trucks. To some they appear to have an unfair advantage over bricks and mortar establishments. But to others they offer wonderful food at good prices.

PLEASE find a better solution that will allow food trucks to prosper to the advantage of the customer, and competition for quality which will make brick and mortar establishments diligent in improving their products.

Philip Harway

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April 3, 2013

I support food trucks in Washington, DC. I think the choice and variety that they provide far outweighs any concerns over crowding. As a worker near Farragut Square I appreciate the range of options afforded by the food trucks and local restaurants. Please do not lessen the great food options available in DC by enacting strict limitations on food trucks and deciding my lunch options by lottery.

Thanks,

Ken McLeod

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April 3, 2013

I live & work in Foggy Bottom. Unless I'm meeting someone for lunch (in which case I usually meet my lunch partner in Georgetown or DuPont Circle), I can eat at home. That's what I did until the food trucks started appearing on M St. NW. They bring good food at a fair price and let me decide whether I want to eat at my desk, at home or on a park bench -- according to the weather or my mood. I also patronize trucks parked near the Navy Yard when I go to Nationals day games. They are far superior in price & quality to most things on offer in the park.

Please don't squelch this wonderful addition to our city's scene. Our part of town has lots of excellent expense-account & date-night restaurants, several of which are not open for lunch. But the affordable lunch places offer drab accommodations & lame cuisine. Rather than eat there, I'll go home for a sandwich. If I move back to the 'burbs, I'll pack a lunch bag.

Regulate for health, tax the sales, but don't destroy the food truck business, which your current proposal seems certain to do.

John Alexander Williams

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April 3, 2013

I have been going to the food trucks about 2 years now. I work at the Department of Energy near L'Enfant Plaza. My options for getting food are limited. I bring my lunch in, I have to walk up the hill to L'Enfant Plaza, or take a short walk to the L'Enfant Metro station and have a variety of choices for food.

I personally don't hit the food trucks every day, because I can't afford it. I do have co-workers who live off the variety of food trucks that come to our location on a daily basis. The rules that you wish to implement are just crazy. A lot of the food trucks have even earned enough money to become an actual restaurant here in DC. Some still have their trucks and go around some have got rid of their trucks. I do miss their food, because during the week while at work, I can't visit their locations to eat their food. I use the food trucks.



There are so many people here at the Department of Energy who walk out to the food trucks every day looking for something to eat. We walk out there, grab our food and walk back to the office to eat.

This crazy thing about the lotteries is insane. None of the locations proposed are at L'Enfant. I know you have 'mall' locations, but why would a mobile food truck want to spend \$450 to sell there. Now if the \$450 was for an entire year, maybe. Why not just keep charging them the 10% tax. They make money, DC makes money. If it upsets the people in the Restaurants, so be it. They can have a food truck also. What happened to capitalism? Are the owners of the restaurants really that 'little' that they have to have the DC council create laws to prevent the food trucks from selling? How about then you make laws to prevent restaurants from selling at certain times of the day. They would throw a fit. The food trucks are just mobile restaurants. Most other large cities have them. Have you checked out the laws that places like NY, LA, or Philadelphia have theirs set up? That might be for the best.

It might be a good idea in the short term for DC to have all these restrictions in place, but in the long run, it will just hurt the DC economy. The food trucks will head to Maryland and Virginia. That would be money Lost by DC.

Respectfully,

Ray Irwin

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April 3, 2013

The proposed food truck regulations are a classic example of trying to fix something that isn't broken. Food trucks have revitalized downtown and provided exciting new lunch options for workers and tourists that are all too often limited to unhealthy hot dog vendors or overpriced brick and mortar stores offering limited variety. I'm sure brick and mortar restaurants and hot dog vendors don't like the advent of food trucks, but they don't like it because people are voting with their feet and their money. Please get out of the way and let something that has been a genuine IMPROVEMENT to this city continue to flourish without unnecessary and ill-conceived regulations that will hurt DC consumers and harm these businesses that have many avid fans. There is a time and place for government regulation; this isn't it. As a downtown office worker and DC citizen I can tell you that these food trucks have been a genuine improvement for DC citizens. Please don't ruin it with unnecessary and harmful regulation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Will Maxson  
DC Resident/Citizen (Ward 3)

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April 3, 2013

I am writing to you to urge you to reconsider the new regulations currently being contemplated for food truck in the DC area. I work near Farragut West, and am a frequent customer of both food trucks and restaurants all over DC. Food trucks are a vibrant, responsible, and delicious part of our urban landscape. The lottery regulations you propose to impose on them would essentially put many of them out of business. While I understand the feeling that some additional form of regulation is necessary, I urge you to work with the food truck operators to determine a course of action that works for both sides.

Sincerely,  
Susan Schonfeld

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April 3, 2013

I'm writing in opposition to the newly proposed food truck regulations. I work in by the Smithsonian metro. There are extremely limited food options near my office. Food trucks are often the best choice and are provide much faster service than the restaurants in the L'Enfant Plaza Food Court. The new regulations would make it illegal for the food trucks to service the Smithsonian/L'Enfant Plaza area.

Please reconsider the regulations about the new food truck lottery system and the service area restrictions. I really like the variety of choice the food trucks offer. My coworkers and I enjoy checking every day to see what truck will be in the area. The variety is part of the enjoyment. I am happy that by purchasing from food trucks, I'm supporting small, local businesses rather than large, national chain restaurants. Some of my favorite food trucks have gone on to open DC restaurants.

I appreciate you reconsidering the regulations.

Sincerely,  
Laura Alessandri

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April 3, 2013

I am asking you to reconsider the current proposed regulations for food trucks. The "zone" created by the regulations will only serve to limit choices in the city--choices that have not affected brick and mortar restaurants in any way. They further put an undue burden on hard-working, tax-paying, law-abiding businesses, businesses the people who live and work in the District of Columbia support. You will see your tax revenues--and parking ticket revenues--decrease substantially if you put these regulations into effect.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Kay  
GW University

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April 3, 2013

Just a few general comments on the subject of mobile food vendors. I have friends and relatives who live in a number of foreign countries and they are always amazed at the dismal image the vending trucks give tourist spots in the national's Capitol. Row after row of ugly trucks blocking traffic and selling uninspired souvenirs and routine fast food items run by unfriendly people who barely speak English. My relatives and friends are people from cities in Europe and Asia where mobile vendors and street vendors often provide local color and food that tourists remember fondly after they get home. In other words, tourist attractions instead of tourist blights. If London and New Dehli can do it why can't Washington?

As a resident who often visits the trucks from my favorite tacos trucks ( where else can I get a tongue tacos?) to the delicious lobster roll truck I would hope the council in its wisdom would give them as much freedom to move and freedom from burdensome paperwork and fees as as possible.

Mark Power

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April 3, 2013

I am writing to express my concern over the new proposed food truck regulations. I really enjoy having all of the options and I don't see why you need to limit our choices. Also, it doesn't seem fair to the vendors themselves that they have to run their businesses by luck of the draw. I am referring to the proposed lottery system which would decide who gets to park in the food truck zone and who doesn't. These regulations don't make any sense to me and are not aligned with the capitalism spirit we so treasure here in America. If the restaurants are concerned the food trucks are hurting their business, then I believe it is their job to offer something more appealing to their customers. That is the very basis of capitalism. I don't believe this type of restrictive regulation is conducive to prosperous business growth in the city and I don't think it is necessary. The current system seems to be working perfectly well.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation. I certainly hope the city will come to the realization that consumers like me enjoy the choices food trucks offer during our lunch hour. Please don't take that away with unnecessary legislation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Heather Soubra

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April 3, 2013

The new proposed food truck regulations are terrible. They hurt consumer choice and will cost many small businesses to close. DC is now a food truck haven, and has received nationwide attention for offering so many great choices. Don't turn back the clock! Let DC food trucks serve consumers in as many locations as possible. Consumers want choices. Don't limit us!

Chris Backley

DC resident

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April 3, 2013

I'm a DC resident who regularly purchase food from both brick and mortar restaurants and food trucks. I sincerely hope that your agency will not pass regulations that would severely and unfairly restrict food truck operations at the various locations around the city.

Brick and mortar restaurants with poor food and service do not get my dollars -- regardless of their lobbying efforts!

I hope the DC government will thoughtfully and fairly consider food truck regulations and remember to let consumers decide how and where to spend their food and beverage dollars.

Thank you,

Jeff Galyon  
Washington, DC

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April 3, 2013

Please do not restrict the food trucks!

Thank you.

Jo Anne Marbury

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April 3, 2013

Please do not proceed with this misguided plan to do away with the food trucks in DC. Those of us who work in DC and are thinking of moving into town may think again if this quick and popular attraction is

destroyed by bureaucracy. That would be a very bad sign about the future direction of the city.

Thanks,  
Geoffrey Kabaservice

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April 3, 2013

A lottery approach is a terrible idea. This will not be helpful to these small businesses and will likely put many out of business.

There are better ways to zone parking and for the city to establish right of way.

Jim Thompson

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April 3, 2013

I have been working on K Street in downtown DC for seven years. In the last few years, as food trucks have begun lining up each day on Farragut Square, the quality of my life (and my diet!) has vastly improved. For many years I, and many downtown DC workers, were subjected to insanely high prices for inferior food and crappy service at the many chain restaurants around us. I and my coworkers have never been so happy with our food choices as we are now, with all these food trucks. I understand the concern in that restaurants have higher overhead to pay, but this is capitalism! Who says it has to be fair? The real concern these chains have is that they are losing customers to better food at better prices, and they don't want to compete. Why let restaurants, and not fair competition, dictate what kinds of food is available to DC residents? If the demand is there (and judging from the insane lines at lunch, it is!) then why not allow food trucks to meet it?

I've actually seen the quality and quantity of restaurants around here go up, too, not down, which is great for everyone! Please don't let a boon AND a great source of jobs and food for the city - a win win for all - be taken away by the stringent new regulations.

Thank you,

Amber Sparks  
DC Voter and K St Resident

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April 3, 2013

Restricting the number and locations of food trucks in the NW Downtown area appears to be a solution to a problem that does not exist.

I work next to a large concentration of trucks, at 12th and G NW. They do not appear to cause congestion (much less, in fact, than the delivery vehicles that supply brick and mortar businesses in the morning).

They add diversity and variety to the choices available to workers in the area, who otherwise have few choices, probably due to high prices for street-frontage property. In the 16-block area around 12th & G, fixed-address carry-out food sources comprise smaller, upscale chains (Cosi, Roti, Chopt) and large chains such as Au Bon Pain, Subway and similar vendors of high-fat, high-sugar foods.

Is your policy to make the world safe for large corporations?

Bill Sweetman

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April 3, 2013

I have a question for you about the new food truck regulations. They seem very unfair to me, particularly for someone like myself working at Le Enfant Plaza where there are relatively few food choices. The food trucks are plentiful right now, and people love them! They are winning in the beautiful free market system that our country so values, and that is because they offer a variety of quality food options at a reasonable price in a short amount of time.

If the regulations go forward, the 10-20 trucks at Le Enfant will dwindle to 3. All the great food choices we have now will be gone, and all the federal employees, many of whom live in the city and Capitol Hill, will be upset!

Please let me know what your opinion is on the issue, and let me know what I can do to have overturn these regulations and have the voices heard of all the folks who enjoy these trucks every day.

Thanks,

Joe Marhamati  
Washington, DC 20002

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April 3, 2013

As a DC resident and frequent consumer of food truck offerings around Metro Center and Franklin Square during my lunch break, I find the regulations being proposed by DCRA ill-advised and hope they will not be approved.

The trucks provide a diverse and far superior set of dining options to local brick and mortar food vendors, contribute strongly to the culinary diversity of the District, and are a testament to economic ingenuity and entrepreneurship. I eat at the food trucks because the options offered by Far East Taco Grille or Carnivore BBQ are *\*better\** food than the mediocre offerings at Subway or Cosi.

Small, entrepreneurial businesses that offer great products in an innovative way should not be unduly restricted by regulations that do nothing but stifle competition and consumer choice.

Regards,

Alex Hirschhorn  
2311 Connecticut Ave NW (Ward 1)

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April 3, 2013

I oppose the proposed mobile vending roadway zone regulations. As a resident of the district, I think the rapid growth of the food truck sector has been a huge boon to those of us who eat downtown. While I appreciate the concern about crowding, particularly from a traffic perspective, my understanding is that lottery access to a few select zones would effectively create a ceiling on the dining options to DC workers and on revenues to entrepreneurs. This would damp the competition that currently benefits eaters and truckers alike. I hope you will reconsider the proposed regulations.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Harlan Dalzell  
1301 Euclid St NW  
Washington, DC 20009

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April 3, 2013

What is the matter with DC? Do you envy success or simply hate it? The outlandish restrictions you propose on food trucks is absurd. It certainly is an abuse of your powers.

Food trucks are one of the best things to happen to DC and Arlington during weekday hours. And food trucks have certainly been successful. Why is your immediate response to stop on these successful entrepreneurs? Do food trucks pay taxes? Do they serve DC citizens and workers? Who exactly is behind this anti-business rule-making?

I recommend you rethink your misguided ideas regarding food trucks.

Jon Dagle  
Alexandria, VA

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April 3, 2013

Count this DC voter down on the side of the food trucks--the more trucks, the merrier. I'm unconvinced by rationales I've heard for the legislation, and I think the trucks are a great boon for the city and its inhabitants.

Brian Ingram

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April 3, 2013

The food trucks of DC are an excellent example of the kind of entrepreneurial, small business we should all be supporting. They represent innovation and diversity, ingenuity and creativity. They bring jobs and revenue to the community. They add vibrancy to the community.

The long lines at Truckeroo or other food truck events are evidence enough of their success and interest in the community. Food trucks have also evolved into brick-and-mortar establishments (e.g. District Taco, Papatella). My husband and I used CapMacDC to cater our rehearsal dinner. Bada Bing catered his birthday party. Without having tasted their food on their trucks, we would have explored other options for these events. Their owners are creative, industrial, hard working entrepreneurs.

We should support their existence in our city and applaud their success in these tough economic times.

Please reconsider regulations such as the lottery system and over-regulated zones for parking that would put them out of business.

Please support our trucks.

Regards,  
Margret Hjalmarson

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